

## **Annotated Bibliography**

A **bibliography** is a list of sources (books, journals, Web sites, periodicals, etc.) one has used for researching a topic. This page is sometimes called "Works Cited."

An **annotation** is a summary and/or evaluation. Therefore, an **annotated bibliography** includes a summary and/or evaluation and/or a reflection of each of the sources. Depending on your project or the assignment, your annotations may do one or more of the following. I want you to **summarize** and **reflect**

**Summarize:** Some annotations merely summarize the source. What are the main arguments? What is the point of this book or article? What topics are covered? If someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say? The length of your annotations will determine how detailed your summary is.

**Reflect:** Once you've summarized and assessed a source, you need to ask how it fits into your research. Was this source helpful to you? How does it help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project? Has it changed how you think about your topic?

## **Works Cited Page**

- ✓ The title Works Cited is centered on the page. Use 12 point font and do not underline, italicize or bold the text.
- ✓ Skip one line before your first entry.
- ✓ List all entries alphabetically by author's last name
- ✓ Double-space all text on the page. DO NOT skip lines between your entries.
- ✓ I am asking you to put your name after the Annotation that you wrote. This is not standard MLA formatting.
- ✓ Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations by 0.5 inches to create a hanging indent.

Your works cited page should include all of your sources. Only 3 will have an annotation. Each group member will write an annotation for one source and include it on the works cited page.

## Works Cited

Last name, First name. "Title Of The Page Or Article." *Title the Journal*. Day Month

Year: pages. Medium of publication [print, web].

When you write an annotation for an article from a journal or a magazine you would summarize the article. Look under Summary on the reverse for an explanation Then explain what information you used in your research. Why did you choose this source?

Your Name .

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

When citing an electronic source [a webpage] provide as much information as you can.

You should be able to name the website, the title of the text you were reading, a publisher [webmaster?] and the date you accessed the site. Summarize the text, site, or information and then explain why that information was important for your research.

Your name

Authors Last Name, First Name. *Title of the Book*. City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Medium of Publication. (no one wrote an annotation for this text).

*Videos and other Strangers*. Go to Purdue OWL and look up MLA Guidelines. Purdue OWL has one of the most comprehensive resources for citation information.

Sometimes you will use a resource that does not have a standard citation formatting guideline. You can ask me or you can ask Purdue. The Purdue [University] OWL [online writing lab] has extensive and up to date information about all things writing and citing.

Your Name